



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 18, 2002

### **S. 343**

### **Indian Tribal Development Consolidated Funding Act of 2001**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on October 8, 2002*

S. 343 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to develop a demonstration project to consolidate Native American grant funding with other federal financial assistance for economic development. Under the bill, executive agencies would be directed to cooperate to jointly finance Native American economic development projects. Based on information from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), CBO estimates that any additional administrative cost to implement the program would not be significant. Such costs would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

S. 343 also would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide planning grants to the 24 tribes or consortium of tribes that would participate in the demonstration project. Based on information from BIA, CBO expects that each grant would range between \$40,000 to \$50,000 and we estimate that providing such grants would cost about \$1 million each year over the 2003-2007 period, assuming the appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting S. 343 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 343 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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